

The House Committee on Transportation offers the following substitute to SR 849:

A RESOLUTION

1 Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; to provide for related matters; and
2 for other purposes.

3 **PART I**

4 WHEREAS, on September 12, 2005, the State of Georgia lost one its finest and most
5 distinguished citizens with the untimely passing of Kimberly Boyd; and

6 WHEREAS, she was placed in a horrifying scenario beyond anyone's worst nightmare when
7 she was abducted at gunpoint by a despicable predator; and

8 WHEREAS, she displayed extraordinary calm and self-possession as she fought with her
9 captor, even after having been shot at close range, sufficient to cause the vehicle in which
10 she had been abducted to wreck; and

11 WHEREAS, although she did not survive the gunshot wound and crash injuries, her
12 incredible bravery in these unimaginable circumstances caused her captor to attempt to flee
13 on foot whereupon he was shot and killed by a quick thinking good Samaritan, Shawn
14 Roberts; and

15 WHEREAS, she was a proud and shining example of enduring love and affection to her
16 beloved husband, Michael, and her two children, Connor and Chloe; and

17 WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated provided the
18 foundation and framework of success in which all of her family members have developed
19 and flourished; and

20 WHEREAS, this gentlewoman gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and
21 deep concern for her fellow citizens and she possessed the vast wisdom which only comes

1 through experience and the strength of character which is achieved through overcoming the
2 many challenges of life; and

3 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
4 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example she made of her life,
5 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

6 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a bridge should be named to memorialize her
7 heroism.

8 **PART II**

9 WHEREAS, Airman First Class Antoine J. Holt of Kennesaw, Georgia, was serving as a
10 member of the 603rd Air Control Squadron at Balad Air Field, Iraq, on April 10, 2004, when
11 he was killed as a result of enemy action; and

12 WHEREAS, this courageous soldier confronted the dangers, privations, and discomforts of
13 striving to keep the peace in Iraq with fortitude and steadfast resolve, making us as a nation
14 truly proud; and

15 WHEREAS, although only 20 years old, Airman Holt was entrusted with unusually complex
16 tasks: monitoring airspace activity and hooking up communication systems, tasks rarely
17 vouchsafed to one so young; and

18 WHEREAS, Airman Holt selflessly gave his life in the service and defense of his country,
19 and his heroism will never be forgotten; and

20 WHEREAS, his grieving family and friends can be proud of their loved one and, through
21 their grief, know that he gave his all for his country; and

22 WHEREAS, all Americans owe a debt of gratitude to the men and women of our armed
23 forces who risk their lives in the defense of freedom and to secure the blessings of liberty for
24 this nation and other peoples of the world, and it is only fitting and proper that a bridge
25 should be named to memorialize this heroic defender of our freedom.

26 **PART III**

27 WHEREAS, Mary McCall was a former mayor of Acworth, Georgia; and

1 WHEREAS, she was always a very concerned and involved citizen who did her best to
2 improve the quality of life for all the residents of her beloved city; and

3 WHEREAS, her family donated the land for use as a right of way when the overpass named
4 by this resolution was constructed; and

5 WHEREAS, the overpass is used to allow emergency vehicles to reach their destinations in
6 a timely fashion, without life-threatening delays; and

7 WHEREAS, it is only fitting that a citizen who devoted so much time and energy to make
8 Acworth a great place to live should have a bridge named in her honor.

9 **PART IV**

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
11 GEORGIA that the bridge at U.S. Highway 41 and Lake Allatoona in Cobb County is
12 dedicated as the Kimberly Boyd Memorial Bridge.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge at I-75 and Wade Green Road in Cobb
14 County is dedicated as the Antoine J. Holt Memorial Bridge.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the overpass at the intersection of SR 92 and Main
16 Street in Acworth, Georgia, is dedicated as the Mary McCall Memorial Overpass.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
18 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this
19 resolution.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
21 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Department of Transportation, the
22 family of Kimberly Boyd, the family of Airman First Class Antoine J. Holt, and the family
23 of Mary McCall.